--- RG-655 - 6 Cigars - Series “C” - 1938 - *imperforate* - 22 x 28 mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

The first listed use of **RG-655**, the *imperforate* ***orange-red*** six cigar Series “C”, by “B. Houde & Grothe”, Montreal - [**2-10D**], is from the second week of January 1947. The sequence seems to end with May 1950.

2AVA - 2nd week of January 1947

4CBD - 4th week of December 1949

[RG-655]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1946	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
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1947	---	1BVA	1CVA	---	1BVB	1CVB	1AVC	---	1CVC	1AVD	---	---
	2AVA	---	---	2AVB	---	---	2AVC	2BVC	2CVC	---	---	---
	---	3BVA	3CVA	3AVB	3BVB	3CVB	3AVC	---	---	3AVD	3BVD	---
	---	---	---	4AVB	4BVB	---	4AVC	4BVC	4CVC	---	---	---
1948	---	---	---	---	1BAB	---	---	---	---	---	---	1DAD
	2AAA	2BAA	2CAA	---	2BAB	2CAB	---	---	---	---	---	---
	---	---	---	3AAB	3BAB	3CAB	3AAC	---	---	3AAD	---	---
	4AAA	4BAA	---	4AAB	4BAB	---	4AAC	---	---	---	4BAD	---
1949	---	1BBA	---	---	1BBB	---	---	---	---	---	---	1CBD
	---	---	2CBA	2ABB	---	2CBB	---	2BBC	---	2ABD	2BBD	2CBD
	3ABA	3BBA	---	---	3BBB	3CBB	3ABC	3BBC	3CBC	3ABD	3BBD	3CBD
	---	---	---	---	4BBB	---	---	4BBC	4CBC	4ABD	4BBD	4CBD
1950	---	1BCA	1CCA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	2ACA	---	2CCA	2ACB	2BCB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	3ACA	3BCA	3CCA	---	3BCB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	4ACA	4BCA	---	4ACB	4BCB	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

NOTE: All of the black or red codes listed (e.g. **1ATC, 125, 4205** etc.) are found in the cancellation collection. Any codes highlighted in yellow (e.g. **3BBC**) were taken from eBay and ***are not*** in the collection.

--- "Imperial Tobacco Sales", Montreal [2-10D] - in 5 mm. Gothic four-digit horizontal black - from 1952 ---

Imperial Tobacco's "Empire Division", Granby, used **RG-655**, the small red-orange *imperforate* six cigars, during the early 1950's. Their cancellations are prefixed by the number **2** and **3** to provide a four digit code starting with the Budget of April 8th 1952 . Without any backing in fact, I would guess that the number prefixes **2000** and **3000** represent 1952, 1953 - and the two central figures indicate the *week of production*.

RG-655 - 6 Cigars, *imperforate*, coded **2262 / 2-10D** by the "Imperial Tobacco Sales Co.", Montreal, in the 26th week (June) of 1952 (day 2)? - scanned at 150% scale

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--- "Imperial Tobacco Sales", Montreal [2-10D] - in 5 mm. Gothic four-digit vertical red - from 1954 ---

By **4201** the cancellation is in red ink, and the 2½ mm. **2-10D** company code now reads horizontally across the top. Under the April 6th 1954 Budget, the sequence has abandoned the week / day numbering, and has gone to a continuous sequence reading the month of production. To date I have found only the single copy coded **4201**.

RG-655 - 6 Cigars, *imperforate*, coded **4201 / 2-10D** by the "Imperial Tobacco Sales Co.", Montreal

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--- “General Cigars”, Montreal [2-10D] - in 5 mm. Gothic three-digit horizontal red - from 1954-64 ---

and in this three digit doubled sequence, reading horizontally, and used by 2-10D only two copies -

RG-655 - 6 Cigars, *imperforate*, coded **242 / 2-10D** by the “Imperial Tobacco Sales Co.”, Montreal

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Judging from other examples the four-digit code ran to **4207** and then switched to **208**.

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